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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 6, 2008, Applicant hereby elects Group I, (claims 2 (in part), 3-7, 9 and 10) drawn to methods for detecting polypeptides comprising contacting a sample with an agent which binds a polypeptide, for continued examination. This response is timely filed in view of the petition and fee for one-month extension of time submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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